



## SOLIDARITY CALL TO THE FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS OF THE WORLD

We are Arek Malang, an Indonesian football fans group that previously supported Arema FC. After the Kanjuruhan Tragedy on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, and the attitude of Arema FC management towards the victims and our comrades, we broke away and removed all forms of attributes and support for the club. We no longer call ourselves Aremania (the oldest fan club), but as Arek Malang – which was born after our demonstration turned into a riot at Arema FC's office on January 29. 2023.

On October 1, 2022, Arema FC met Persebaya Surabaya in a derby that ended 2-3 to Persebaya. Aremania took to the field to provide support for the players, but the police committed violence by beating the fans who came down on the pitch. Shortly afterwards, a riot broke out and police fired dozens of tear gas projectiles into the terraces, which were still full of spectators. Among them were children, elderly, and women. The stadium exits were forcefully closed. The fans who were jostling for the exit died due to asphyxiation caused by the effects of tear gas. The death toll from the tragedy totaled 135.

Next month, Arek Malang, will mark the one-year anniversary of the killing of 135 of our brothers and sisters on October 1, 2023. This commemoration is an important moment for us and the families of the victims. Because to this day, there is no fair trial for the deaths of 135 of our brothers at Kanjuruhan Stadium. The high-ranking police officers who gave the orders to shoot tear gas remain free. The league and the federation staff have never been arrested and faced trial. The State let everything happen and did not care about the fate of the victims. FIFA, as the world football organization, has never sanctioned and punished the football federation and our country.

We ask for solidarity from fellow ultras and supporters all around the world. We ask you, our friends, to help us convey the message to the international community that the Kanjuruhan Tragedy has not been resolved. We would like to invite fellow supporters, ultras to spread banners using the slogan: ***Justice for the 135 victims of Kanjuruhan.*** And finally, we also invite supporters and ultras to provide solidarity to the families of the victims who continue to fight for justice. Police violence towards football fans must end.

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